public information service of WHO, undoubtedly without the knowledge of the technical authorities and certainly in disregard of the restrictions by which we have been bound, broadcast a press release purporting to give the highlights of the Committee's report. Since that statement was made public we would be perfectly at liberty to print it. We do not do so, however, because it differs so greatly in certain important respects from the spirit of the actual conclusions of the Committee. We expect to summarize at length, if not actually to reprint, the approved report as soon as it is made available.

—H. W. WADE

UNESCO BOOK COUPONS AND THE ASSOCIATION

Membership fees of the International Leprosy Association are intended mainly to contribute to the cost of publication of The Journal, and the remittances should be so made that they may be available for that purpose. Until the last war remittances made in sterling to the General Secretary-Treasurer in London were readily transferred to the publication office, but that no longer is the case. For some years membership fees sent to London have been frozen there.

For that reason notices have been published repeatedly asking subscribers to remit the $5.00 annual fee directly to THE JOURNAL in New Orleans. This applies both to persons who are members of the Association or are eligible for membership, and to offices, institutions and such which subscribe without relation to the Association. Although many have responded to that appeal, a considerable number of remittances still go to the Association office in London, where perforce they accumulate.

In 1951 we published (vol. 19, pp. 230-233) details of the Unesco Book Coupon Scheme, by means of which remittances for subscriptions may be made from many countries in a form which can be used in the United States. So very few have used that method that we have been asked to bring the matter to attention in this department. It is greatly to be desired that the burden on the Leonard Wood Memorial, which bears most of the cost of publication (see our last issue, p. 539), may be made less onerous.

The Unesco Book Coupon Scheme provides a means whereby people in countries which are participants in the scheme may buy dollar coupons in the local currency at the official dollar rate prevailing on the day of sale. The coupons can be used
to obtain, among various other things, publications in the fields of science, including subscriptions to periodicals, individual volumes or issues of periodicals, and membership subscriptions to learned societies provided that such subscriptions are mainly a means of obtaining the publication of those societies.

The countries participating in this scheme as of February 1953 are listed below, together with the addresses of the Distributing Bodies where coupons are on sale. Further information may be obtained from those offices, or from the Unesco Coupon Office, 19 avenue Kleber, Paris 16e, France.


France and French Colonial Territories: Direction des Bibliothèques de France, 55 rue Saint-Dominique, Paris 7e.

Germany (Bundesrepublik): Notgemeinschaft der deutschen Wissenschaft, Buseckstrasse 55, Bad Godesberg bei Bonn.


Indonesia: Ministry of Education and Culture, Djalan TitiKakap 4, Djakarta.


Italy: Commissione Nazionale dell'Unesco, Villa Massimo, Via di Villa Massimo, Rome.


Pakistan: Ministry of Education and Industries (Education Division), Government of Pakistan, Karachi.


Besides these countries, we are informed that Belgium, Burma, Canada, Greece and New Zealand have entered into this arrangement with Unesco; but the addresses of the Distributing Bodies in those countries have not been learned.

It is hoped that all subscribers in the countries where Unesco coupons can be purchased will use this method of making remittances directly to the INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEPROSY, c/o Dr. Huldah Bancroft, Assistant Editor, 1430 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans 12, Louisiana. Subscriptions should not be purchased through agencies, which charge fees which reduce materially the amount received by THE JOURNAL.

—H. W. WADE

1 Not included in this list are Austria, Cambodia, Switzerland and the United States, where the present problem does not apply, and certain countries which are no longer cooperating.